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Hongkong Rates of Postage

Rates are given in cents, and are, for
 papers per half ounce, for Books and
 Returns, per two ounces.
 Newspapers over four ounces in weight
 charged as double, weekly, &c., as has
 been said. The postage of all sorts of
 papers may be sent at Book Rate. Two
 newspapers must not be folded together as
 one, nor must anything be inserted in
 except bond. See Supplements of the same
 paper and the same date. Printed
 matter may be sent at book rate, and
 may be paid at Book Rate. *Printed*
Cuttings may be paid, either as Newspapers
 or Books.
 Commercial Papers signify such papers
 written by Hand, do not count
 towards weight, and are charged, double, and
 are not sent at Book Rate.

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more trouble in the end.

Circulars, Divided Western Mail
Cards, Patterns, Etc., Alameda
1, for addresses in Hongkong or the Pacific
Islands, in batches of not less than ten
each, and in the form of a letter, sent by
Post Office unregistered, the postage of
one of one cent each, being paid by
the sender, or charged to the sender's
special accounts may be obtained without
charge. Circulars and cards of one cent each
numbers of such articles.

2. Snail covers, which addressed to the
United States, Hongkong or China, may be
sent by express and in packages of not more
than one hundred each.

3. Circulars, etc., must not exceed 10
ounces each in weight. Patterns, Alameda
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Islands, in batches of not less than ten
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Post Office unregistered, the postage of
one of one cent each, being paid by
the sender, or charged to the sender's
special accounts may be obtained without
charge. Circulars and cards of one cent each
numbers of such articles.

books. The charge on them is the same for books.

The sender of a Registered Article for a foreign Country may obtain an acknowledgment of delivery on paying an extra fee of 5 cents.

The limit of weight for Books and Commercial Papers to Foreign Post Office is 10 lbs. Patterns for such offices are limited to 8 ounces except to Austria, Belgium, France, Greece, Guatemala, Hawaii, Holland, Hungary, Italy, Siberia, Luxembourg, Mexico, Portugal, Rumania, Salvador, Serbia, Spain, Switzerland, Tunis, and the United States. The weight of such packages is the limit, and must not exceed these dimensions: 12 inches by 8 inches by 4 inches.

Countries of the Postal Union.

4. Envelopes containing Telegrams must be wholly closed if the nature of the contents be first exhibited or stated to the Postmaster General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Envelopes containing Telegrams may be opened by the Postmaster General, and the contents may be examined by him.

5. Addresses must be complete and legible, and on each cover must be written in plain English, the name of the person to whom the Telegram is to be delivered, the address of his residence or place of business, and the city, county and State, or the name of the field, or, incompletely addressed Telegrams, may be returned to the sender for address.

**RAILWAY COMPANY'S
STEAMSHIP LINE.**

Postage to the United Kingdom:

Letters,	7 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.
Post Cards,	3 cents each.
Registration,	7 cents.
Books, Patterns and	} 2 cents per 2 oz.
Comm. Papers,	

Postage to Union Countries:



PUNCTUALITY
CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE,

General Rates, by any route —

Letters, 10 cents per 1 oz.
Post Cards, 3 cents each.
Legislation, 10 cents.
Newspapers, 2 cents each.
Books, Patterns and Comm. Papers, 3 cents per 2 oz.

There is no charge on redirected correspondence within the Postal-Union.

Postage to Non-Union Countries.

100,000 Horse power—Speed 19 knots.
 From Hongkong.
 HAIL R.N.R. WEDNESDAY, 21st Feb.
 B.N.R. WEDNESDAY, 21st March.
 HAIL R.N.R. WEDNESDAY, 21st April.
 through the famous INLAND SEA OF
 YOKOHAMA TO VANGOUER (B.C.)

Cape Colony.—Letters, 20; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 6; Books and Patents, 5 per 2 oz.

LOCAL POSTAGE.

General Local Rates for Hongkong, Macao, China, Corea, Japan, North Borneo, Siam, Straits Settlements, Cochin-China, Tonquin, and the Philippines:—

Letters per ½ oz., 5 cents (e).
Post Cards, *quodlibet* 1 cent.

THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC
 Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.
 For European Officials in the Service of

Books and Patterns, per 2 oz., 2 cents.
Newspapers and Prices Current, each, 2 cents.
Registration, 5 cents.

(e) Between Hongkong, Canton, and Macao 2 cents.

Local Delivery.

1. All correspondence posted before 5 p.m. on any week day for addresses in

San Francisco, Midwinter Fair, CIRCULAR
 er, Vancouver to Sydney, Australia via
 Brisbane and Torres Straits, Good for S
 any's route, embraces its PALATIAL
 World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS
 ship having received the highest award
 and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT
 ough which the Line passes.
 IN HOTELS of this route are owned and
 and Cuisine are unexcelled.

Victoria will be delivered the same day.
In Town (Ship Street to Bonham Strand
West, up to level of Robinson Road) at 8
a.m., 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m.
In the Suburbs, 9 a.m., noon, 5 p.m., unless
the delivery should be retarded by the Con-
tract Mails.

2. Boxholders who desire to send Circulars, Dividend Warrants, Invitations, Cards, etc., all of the same weight, to addresses in Hongkong or the Ports, of China, may

Value.	Paid up.	Closing Quotations.
125	all	99% prem.; sales

3. Boxholders may so send Patterns to the same places in the same way. Envelopes containing Patterns may be wholly closed, if the nature of the contents be first exhibited, or stated to the Postmaster General, as he may consider necessary, and the postage being then charged to the sender's account. Each batch must consist of at least ten.

10	£ 1.15	nom.
1	£ 1	nominal
10	£ 8.10	25¢, sellers
250	£ 50	13¢, sellers
89.38	£ 25	54¢, sellers
200	£ 5	11¢, buyers
100	£ 20	13¢, sellers
100	£ 20	18¢, sales and buyers
5	£ 1	22¢, buyers

The Post Office declines all responsibility for Unregistered Letters containing Bank Notes or Jewellery and, where Registration has been neglected, WILL MAKE NO INQUIRIES into alleged losses of such letters.

It is forbidden to insert in ordinary or Registered Correspondence (a) Current Coin

10	9	all	\$83, steady
25	5	all	\$212, sellers
10	5	20	\$14, sales
125	all		32 1/2 prem. sales and buyers
50	all		\$55, sellers
5	all		\$44, sellers
2	all		\$26, ex div, sellers
7	all		40 1/2 Rio, sellers

(b) Articles liable to Customs Duty.

Parcel Post to the United Kingdom.

Parcels not exceeding 11 lbs. in weight are received in Hongkong and at British Post Offices in China, for transmission to the United Kingdom by P. & O. Packet via Gibraltar. No parcel is sent with the Overland Mail via Brindisi. Parcels therefore arrive in London about eight days later than the Mail. Parcels may be sealed, but

50	all	\$183, sellers
100	all	\$35, nom.
50	all	\$32, buyers
100	57	\$42, sellers

any parcel, even though sealed, is liable to be opened for examination.

Parcels must be posted in Hongkong before 3 p.m. on the day before the departure of the Mail. Those arriving from the Coast, &c. after this hour are kept for the following P. & O. Mail.

The Postage is 25 cents per lb., and 2 cents each succeeding lb. or fraction of a lb. which includes Registration fee, and must be prepaid in stamps. No further charge is made for insurance.

1	60	\$52, sellers
5	8	\$3, ex div. sales
1	al	\$14, com.
7	4	\$16, sales and buyers
10	al	\$60, sellers

made in the United Kingdom except for Customs duty. No parcel must be more than 3 feet 6 inches in length, or 6 feet in greatest length and girth combined. A parcel must be given for each parcel.

The sender must fill in a form of Customs declaration, which can be obtained free at each Post Office. No parcel can be accepted till this is completely and accurately filled. The only articles ordinarily sent from China which are liable to duty are

0	all	\$0.10, sales
4	33	\$7.50, sales
Feb. 50	500	\$80, sales
3	10	all \$1.80, sales
3	1	13/10 \$5, sales and sellers
Feb. 50	500	all \$0.10
3	10	\$1.25, buyers
3	50	all \$10, sales

Dangerous or perishable goods, articles likely to injure the Mails, Liquids (unless securely packed) or parcels easily crushed, such as band-boxes, are prohibited. No Parcel can be received if its value exceeds \$250. A Parcel may contain a letter to the same address as that of the Parcel itself, or another Parcel to the same address. No other enclosures are allowed.

\$	50	\$	54	nom.
\$	50	a		\$12, nom.
\$	10	a		\$91, sellers; \$94, buyers
\$	5	a		\$13, buyers
\$	10	a		\$115, buyers
\$	10	\$	5	\$5, sales and buyers

are requested to observe that the Parcel must be not opened until the ordinary distribution of letters, &c., is finished, & that postage on Parcels at home is 10d. per hundred. The Regulations are generally similar to the above, and the Parcels are sent out by *Gibb & Co.*

60	all	\$5.00 buyers
15	\$12.50	\$5.00 sales
10	all	\$4.00
25	\$5	\$21 buyers
60	all	\$50 sellers
10	all	\$75 sellers
15	all	\$75 no. 2 & 3
50	all	\$100 sellers

for the safe delivery of Registered correspondence, but it is prepared to make good the contents of such correspondence lost while passing through the Post, to the extent of \$10; in certain cases, provided:

1. That the sender duly observed all the conditions of Registration required.
2. That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.

9, 5, Wyndham Street, Hong Kong.